



# SPRINGDALE ANIMAL SERVICES

## Animal Foster Volunteer Agreement

People who care about the plight of homeless animals are often overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem. While it is true that no one person can save them all, if you can make a difference in the life of even one animal, your contribution is invaluable!

Springdale Animal Services (SAS) shelter utilizes volunteers and rescue groups to provide foster care to dogs, cats, other small animals. Animals that are generally identified as needing foster care are those that are:

- Newborn and juveniles too young/weak to be adopted.
- Overload. Too many adoptable animals turned in/not enough homes.
- Animals having a difficult time adjusting to a shelter environment.
- Animals with special/medical needs that can be better treated in a foster home.

Please complete the following, so we can have a clearer picture of the setting in which you plan to care for your foster animal(s).

Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license #\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone\_\_\_\_\_ Work phone\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Housing (Check all that apply):** ☐Own ☐Rent ☐Live with Parents ☐Military  
☐Student ☐Apartment ☐House ☐Mobile home ☐Condo/Townhome ☐Fenced Yard  
☐Unfenced Yard ☐Dog Run ☐No Yard

If you rent, Animal Services must receive **written** permission from your landlord before you can be approved for fostering.

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **References**

Please provide two (2) references, preferably from Springdale (*not a family member*) who we may contact between the hours of 8am and 5 pm:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**You and Your Household**

- Are you: ☐ A first time pet owner/fosterer? ☐ Have owned pets in the past?
- My family consists of: Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_
- Do others in your household know about and approve of you planning to foster a pet?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is anyone in the house allergic to animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Who will be responsible for the pet?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- If fostering a dog, how will he or she be restrained/confined?  
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- If fostering a cat, how will he or she be restrained/confined?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Where will your foster spend the day? \_\_\_\_\_  
 The night? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other pets currently at home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do they have current vaccinations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are they currently microchipped with the City of Springdale? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other,  
 licensed elsewhere, City \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you familiar with local animal ordinances? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If you move in the future, what will you do with your pet?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- How much time would you allow your new pet to adjust to your family and/or present  
 pets? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you considered the daily expenses for maintaining an animal (Medical, food,  
 grooming, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you familiar with humane procedures for housetraining? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If a behavior problem arises, are you prepared to invest the time and expense for  
 training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

***Please list all pets currently at home and any that you've owned in the past 5 years.***

Pet's Name	Male or Female	Cat or Dog	Breed	Age	Is the Pet Spayed/ Neutered?	Where is the pet kept?	What Happened to the Pet?

- Name and phone number of your veterinarian

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We appreciate your interest in helping our animals. As an Animal Foster Volunteer for Springdale Animal Services (SAS) you will be required to abide by the terms of this Animal Foster Agreement, as well as the terms of the Animal Foster Application.

***If accepted as an SAS Volunteer and in consideration of becoming such a Volunteer, my signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following:***

1. Animal Foster Volunteers must abide by all SAS policies and procedures including those specific to animal fostering.
2. I fully understand that the SAS makes no guarantees whatsoever as to the health, temperament, mental disposition and training of the animal(s) and understand that SAS makes no representations or guarantees about any animal's temperament and that any comment that an animal may be good with children or other animals or is housebroken is based upon information provided by previous owners and not a guarantee.
3. As an Animal Foster Volunteer, at my own expense, proper and sufficient food and water, shelter, socialization and kind treatment. I agree to feed proper and sufficient food and water, bath/groom, exercise, and socialize the foster animal(s) as appropriate. I agree to never hit, kick or abuse the animal in any way. I understand that I shall not leave the animal(s) unsupervised outside, and shall comply with all city, state and federal laws relating to animals. I also understand that I shall provide the above-described services without monetary compensation from the SAS.
4. I agree to contact SAS immediately, and provide transportation at any time, should veterinary medical care be needed for the animal(s). SAS works with veterinarians that are familiar with shelter medicine. If the foster animal needs medical care of any kind, I have the option to contact the designated SAS staff member immediately and to follow their instructions. Foster animals may go to a foster volunteer's personal vet at the cost of the Foster Volunteer.
5. Foster Volunteers must dispense all medication as directed by the SAS staff.
6. SAS will be allowed to reasonably inspect the premises in which the animal(s) will be maintained or are maintained, from time to time, for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the animal(s).
7. This Animal Foster Agreement, the Volunteer Application, the Volunteer Agreement, and the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, contain the full and complete understanding between the Animal Foster Volunteer and SAS, and supersede all prior agreements and understanding pertaining hereto and cannot be modified except by a writing signed by each party.
8. If I fail to abide by the terms of this Agreement or otherwise fail to satisfy SAS's Requirements, as determined by SAS in its sole discretion, I will be terminated from the Animal Foster Program, and all SAS animals will be returned to SAS within 24 hrs. If animals are not returned within 24 hrs, SAS reserves the right to remove the animals from the foster volunteer's property.
9. I understand that while I am fostering an animal(s) through the Animal Foster Program, the foster animal(s) is only temporarily in my care and remains the property of the SAS. I understand and agree that I will not relinquish custody of the foster animal to anyone without receiving prior approval from SAS.
10. The purpose of this foster relationship is to provide care for the foster animal and to assist SAS in finding the animal a permanent home. Any and all adoptions of foster animal(s) will be made through SAS and are subject to the same guidelines as any other adoption. Foster Volunteers are encouraged to assist in the placement process of their foster animal(s) but cannot make any decisions regarding the final placement of the animal(s) without permission from SAS.

**If a potential home is found, the animal must remain in the custody of the Foster Volunteer or the custody of SAS until the new adopter has finalized the adoption paperwork at SAS.**

11. I agree to surrender the foster animal(s) to SAS when a permanent adoptive home is found. While Foster Volunteers input is valued and solicited regarding prospective homes, SAS will ultimately approve or disapprove all prospective adopters. Should a Foster Volunteer develop special concerns regarding a specific placement, The Foster Volunteer will have first right at adoption. While we would all wish each animal could find the "perfect home", if an Adoption Applicant complies with SAS standards, and can provide a "good home", we will approve the adoption.

12. I agree that I will not place the foster animal(s) in a dangerous situation (e.g. riding in an open pick-up truck or left unattended in a car). I agree dogs will not be used as guard dogs and cats will not be used as mousers.

13. I agree that I will keep the foster animal(s) in the house as a loved family member.

14. I agree that I will keep all foster cats and kittens indoors at ALL times.

15. I agree that I will keep all foster dogs and puppies in a secure area, and that I will not allow the dogs and puppies off-leash except in a secure fenced in area of my property. I agree to provide adequate exercise and socialization for the foster animals.

16. I agree that I will not use chains or other devices to tether the animal as a means of confinement.

17. I agree that I assure that the foster animal(s) will always wears the collar and ID tags supplied by SAS. I will always check to ensure that the collar fits comfortably around the foster animal's neck.

18. The Animal Foster Program allows the SAS to give the animal a chance it would not normally get. As with all animals, we do our best to find each foster animal a good home, however, we are not always successful. SAS cannot guarantee all fostered animals will be placed for adoption.

19. SAS will provide phone numbers of staff members to call in the event of an emergency.

20. I understand and agree that City of Springdale Animal Services and its Animal Shelter will not be liable for any future injury, damage, or illness that may be caused by this animal.

All of the information I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I understand that falsifying information on this agreement or non-compliance with any of its terms at any time during the foster process may disqualify me for eligibility as an Animal Foster Volunteer.

**I hereby understand and agree to all of the foregoing terms:**

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***Signature of applicant***

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***Date***